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In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.